

# Guide to Driving in France

### Key info

- Drive on the Right Hand side of the road in France
- Minimum age for driving in France is 18 & UK insurance should give automatic third party cover.
- French law requires all car occupants to wear a seat belt, also no child under 10 years old is allowed to travel in the front of the vehicle, unless it is in a specially adapted rear-facing seat.
- Leaded petrol is usually sold as Super / Super 97.
- Unleaded petrol is SANS PLOMB 98 & 95 or Eurosuper 95.
- Diesel is known as GAS-OIL.
- The cheapest fuel is usually found at the hypermarkets.
- BE AWARE, very few rural garages are open 24 hours lunch time in France is 12-2pm and pretty much everything closes in this time!
- Radar speed traps are common and fines (which must be paid on the spot) are heavy. Radar detectors are illegal in France and you are liable to a fine or confiscation.

Minimum age at which UK driving license accepted	18
National Driving License required	Yes
International Driving Permit required	No
Vehicle Registration document required	Yes
Motor Vehicle insurance required	Yes
Bail Bond required	No
GB Sticker / Europlates	Compulsory
Warning Triangle required	Compulsory
Reflectorised jacket / waistcoat	Compulsory
Spare Headlamp bulbs required	Recommended
Headlamp adjustment needed	Compulsory
Seatbelts required front and rear	Compulsory
Minimum age of children allowed	10
Wide acceptance of credit cards for petrol	Yes
Wide availability of unleaded petrol	Yes
Motorway tolls payable	Yes

Maximum Motorway Speed	130kph/81mph
On the Spot Fines (up to 130 Euros if caught on the phone)	Yes
Safety camera warning devices allowed	No

### Speed Limits by Weather Conditions

Type of Road	Dry Weather	Wet Weather
Toll Motorway	130kmh/80mph	110kmh/68mph
Dual Carriageway	110kmh/68mph	100kmh/62mph
Other Roads	90kmh/56mph	80kmh/50mph
Built up Areas	50kmh/31mph	50kmh/31mph

### French Tolls

French motorways, known as autoroutes, are designated with numbers preceded by the letter A (for Autoroute). Most French autoroutes are toll motorways, and entrances to them are marked as such with the word Peage. The normal procedure is to pick up a ticket from a booth as you enter the autoroute (just press the button), tolls are paid either when you leave the autoroute, or else when the toll section comes to an end. In a few places, there are fixed toll points on the autoroute, notably in urban areas or toll bridges.

#### **Understanding Toll Signs**

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Red Cross	Toll is closed	
Green Arrows	Toll is open – pick up your ticket	
Green arrow with orange	Reserved lanes for badge holders	
	Credit cards accepted	
	Coins accepted	
	Attendant	

### BE AWARE THAT NOT ALL U.S. CREDIT CARDS WORK SO KEEP COINS HANDY

#### **Trip Cost Calculator**

To work out the cost of your route on the Autoroute, click on the link below.

http://www.autoroutes.fr/index.htm?lang=en

### **Useful Contact Numbers**

### **Emergency Services**

All European Emergency Service from a mobile 112

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Ambulances - Emergency 00 33 (0) 4 50 53 46 20

Hospital Chamonix, 509 Route des Pelerins

00 33 (0) 4 50 53 84 00

Hospital Sallanches, 380 Rue de l'Hopital 00 33 (0) 4 50 47 30 30

Doctor Roncin, 10 Avenue du Mont Blanc 00 33 (0) 4 50 55 85 74

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Dentist

00 33 (0) 4 50 66 14 12

Mountain Rescue (PGHM) 00 33 (0) 4 50 53 16 89

Ski Patrol, Chamonix 00 33 (0) 4 50 54 04 73

Police – community police/traffic/stolen items: Rue de l'Hotel de Ville 00 33 (0) 4 50 53 75 02

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### The Team

Kirsty Jollie, Property Manager (Your contact while you are in the resort) 0033 6 32 96 06 09

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Claire Stevens, Operations UK +44 (0)77 33 33 2012

t	14.	Continue onto N205
		15.5 km
1	15.	Use any lane to take the D1506 exit towards Chamonix-Mont-Blanc/Martigny
		650 m
Con	tinue (	on D1506. Drive to Place de la Gare
		7 min (2.7 km)
Q	16.	At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Route Blanche/D1506
		1.2 km
P	17.	At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on Route Blanche/D1506 heading to Martigny Suisse
		1 Continue to follow D1506
		750 m
Q	18.	At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Rue Helbronner
		400 m
۲	19.	Turn right onto Rue des Allobroges
		300 m
Q.	20.	At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Place de la Gare
		Destination will be on the left
		53 m



## **Apartment Address**

Maris Paradis Apartment

**Residence Univers** 

35 La Place de La Gare, Chamonix, 74400

## **FIND YOUR WAY FROM GENEVA AIRPORT**

# Genève Aéroport

Route de l'Aéroport 21, 1215 Le Grand-Saconnex, Switzerland

### Get on A1/E25/E62 in Vernier from Route de Pré-Bois

		7 mir	(2.5 km)
1	1.	Head south on Route de l'Aéroport	(2.5 161)
r	2.	Use the 2nd from the left lane to stay on Route de l'Aéroport	22 m
			100 m
4	3.	Keep left to continue on Route de Pré-Bois	
977			350 m
1	4	Continue straight to stay on Route de Pré-Bois	00011
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r	5	Use the 2nd from the right lane to stay on Route de Pré-Bois	1.4 KH
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842	6		65 m
ា	0.	Use the right lane to turn left onto Route de Vernier (signs for Genève)	
9923			210 m
٨	7.	Use the right lane to merge onto A1/E25/E62 via the slip road to A1a/France/St-Julien	
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		and N205 to Route Blanche/D1506 in Chamonix-Mont-Blanc, France. Take the exit for D1506	
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٨	8.	1 h (94.5 km) Merge onto A1/E25/E62	) (
n	0.	▲ Toll road	
		8.8 km	
-	9.	Keep right to continue on A1	
	۶.	A Toll road	
		A Entering France	
		190 m	55
t	10	Continue onto A41	
÷	10.	1.1 km	200
r	11	Use the 2nd from the right lane to take the A40/E21/E62 exit towards Paris/Lyon/Annecy	
	HI.	To the state of th	
'n	12	210 m Keep left at the fork, follow signs for A40/E25/Turin/Chamonix-Mont Blanc/Annemasse	90
	12.	/Milan and merge onto A40/E25	
		A Partial toll road	
'n	12	Keep left at the fork to continue on A40	
•	13.	A Partial toll road	
		44.7 km	